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City of Mesa
Housing Advisory Board
Mesa City Council Chambers, Lower Level
57 East 1st Street
January 7th, 2010
6:00PM
-Meeting Minutes-

Members

Ms. Diana Yazzie Devine
Mr. Christian Karas
Ms. Heather Kay
Ms. Siri Amrit Kaur Khalsa
Mr. Thomas Mace
Mr. David Ricks
Mr. Steve Schild
Mr. Marv Turley
Mr. Jon Scott Williams

Staff

Ms. Carolyn Olson
Mr. Scott Clapp
Mr. Ray Thimesch (absent)

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2009, HAB Meeting

The Housing Advisory Board unanimously approved the Minutes from December 3, 2009, by a vote of 9-0 with the provision that the verb “will” is added to section VII, paragraph d.

III. Items from Citizens Present

There were no items from citizens present.

IV. Action Items

- a. None at this time.

V. Discussion Items

- a. **Hear a Presentation and Discuss a Rough Draft of the FY 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan, Carolyn Olson, Housing and Revitalization Director** – The draft Plan has been prepared by our consultant, Rich Crystal, and details our anticipated priorities over the next five years. Plan will be brought to Council in April for approval. 96 responses were received to the resident survey regarding the Plan, and Mesa received more responses than any other valley city.
- b. **Discuss the Revised CDBG/HOME/ESG Funding Schedule**
The primary change in the schedule was the cancellation of the February and March regularly scheduled meetings of the Housing Advisory Board in lieu of the Special meeting (Public Hearing #1) scheduled to occur on February 18th, 2010.
- c. **Discuss the Evaluation Criteria for Public Hearing #1 Scheduled on Thursday, February 18th, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Upper Level Council Chambers.**
Each Housing Advisory Board member will be given a rating tool for each proposal. The tool will contain the agency’s name, project title, amount requested, activity type, and

funding source. Each rating tool will include three questions to rate each proposal. They are as follows:

1. Does this program meet a current need of Mesa's low-income residents?
2. Does the applicant demonstrate the ability to successfully carry out the program?
3. How likely would you be to recommend funding of this project/program?

Each HAB member will be provided with a copy of the applicant's face sheet so they can conduct any background research if they so desire.

A list of the highest rated projects by the Housing Advisory Board will be forwarded to Council in the minutes from the public hearing and/or the council report.

This is the first time that the Housing Advisory Board is participating in Public Hearing #1 for the CDBG/HOME/ESG application process.

Each applicant will probably have no more than 5 minutes to discuss each application.

The funding spreadsheet has been slightly revised from last year, and applications are being categorized by activity type instead of whether they're from a nonprofit organization or a city department.

VI. Staff Reports/Announcements

- a. **Housing Choice Voucher Program Update** – VASH program for our veterans has begun.
- b. **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Status Update – Carolyn Olson, SP Development Project Coordinator** – 16 houses have been purchased and are in various stages of rehab. NSP2 has not been awarded and the City did not apply for this program.
- c. **Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) Update**
Carolyn Olson gave an update on HPRP. This stimulus funded program to help families who have lost their jobs due to the economic downturn. Assistance is provided for rent and utilities. City received approximately \$1.4 mil and has distributed about half of that so far.
- d. **Report on Meetings and Conferences – Attended and/or Upcoming**
Motivational seminary being held at US Airways center on February 4th.

VII. ADJOURN

With no other agenda items to be discussed, Chair Jon Scott Williams adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:33 p.m.

Approved and respectfully submitted,